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Castle	Jenkins	Quinn
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Chambliss	Johnson (CT)	Ramstad
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Combust	Kasich	Roemer
Cook	Kelly	Rogan
Cooksey	Kim	Rogers
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Davis (FL)	Kolbe	Sanford
Davis (VA)	LaHood	Saxton
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Doolittle	Lewis (CA)	Shadegg
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Dreier	Linder	Shays
Duncan	Lipinski	Shimkus
Dunn	Livingston	Shuster
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Emerson	Lucas	Smith (MI)
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Ensign	Manzullo	Smith (OR)
Everett	Martinez	Smith (TX)
Ewing	Mascara	Smith, Linda
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Foley	McCollum	Solomon
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Fowler	McHale	Stearns
Fox	McHugh	Strickland
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Goode	McDonald	Thune
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Graham	Moran (VA)	Upton
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Hayworth	Norwood	Weldon (PA)
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Herger	Oxley	White
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Ballenger	Conyers	Farr
Barrett (WI)	Costello	Fattah
Becerra	Coyne	Fazio
Bentsen	Cummings	Filner
Berry	Danner	Flake
Bishop	Davis (IL)	Ford
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Blumenauer	Delahunt	Frost
Bonior	DeLauro	Furse
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Boswell	Deutsch	Gephardt
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Brown (FL)	Dingell	Green
Brown (OH)	Dixon	Gutierrez
Cardin	Doggett	Hall (OH)
Carson	Dooley	Hamilton

Harman	McDermott	Sandlin
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Johnson, E. B.	Obey	Spratt
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Kennedy (MA)	Ortiz	Stark
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Kennelly	Pallone	Stokes
Kildee	Pastor	Stupak
Kilpatrick	Payne	Tanner
Klecza	Pelosi	Thompson
Kucinich	Peterson (MN)	Thurman
LaFalce	Pickett	Tierney
Lampson	Pomeroy	Torres
Lantos	Poshard	Towns
Levin	Price (NC)	Velazquez
Lewis (GA)	Rangel	Vento
Lofgren	Rivers	Visclosky
Lowey	Rodriguez	Waters
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Collins	Greenwood	Riley
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Ehlers	Ney	Schiff
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Ms. DUNN changed her vote from "no" to "aye."

So the motion to table was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 612, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 612, I was detained in an important meeting and could not reach the floor in time to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RIGGS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2616, the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 2616, CHARTER SCHOOLS AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1997

Mr. RIGGS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill H.R. 2616 the Clerk be authorized to make such technical and conforming changes to the bill as will be necessary to correct such things as spelling, punctuation, cross-referencing and section numbering.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

## OUR FOND FAREWELL TO THE GENTLEMAN FROM NEW YORK (MR. FLOYD FLAKE)

(Mr. QUINN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. QUINN. Madam Speaker, as we continue to deliberate this weekend, I ask my colleagues' indulgence to take a few moments of our time this afternoon to bid farewell to a Member of the body, a fellow New Yorker, and a dear friend to all of us here in the House. It seems this past week we welcomed the new Member from New York 13, and next week, after all of our work is finished and everything else has winded itself down, we will say goodbye, and the gentleman from New York [Mr. FLOYD FLAKE] will leave the Chamber to become a full-time pastor of the Allen A.M.E. Church in Queens, N.Y.

## □ 1445

I thought it was fitting, and all of you I am sure will agree, that this afternoon we take a break to thank someone on behalf of all of us here and his constituents for almost 10.5 or 11 years of service here in the U.S. Congress, who has worked on numerous different projects that have benefited everybody, not only in his district but all of our districts and people all across this Nation and beyond.

For the 9,000 members of the Allen A.M.E. Church in Queens, NY, while FLOYD FLAKE is our loss, he is their gain. I hope you will join me in bidding farewell to Congressman FLOYD FLAKE this afternoon.

Madam Speaker, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to yield to the dean of the New York delegation, the gentleman from New York, Mr. GILMAN.

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Madam Speaker, I wanted to thank Mr. QUINN for arranging this time for us to pay tribute to an outstanding legislator, Rev. FLOYD FLAKE. We hope one day we will be calling him Bishop FLOYD FLAKE.

Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of regret that I know that many of us are here to bid good-bye to FLOYD, but also we are happy to pay tribute to a colleague who is going to be sorely missed, not only by this body, but by his New York constituents, by the congressional delegation of New York, by the American people.

FLOYD FLAKE has decided to leave us to devote full-time to his first vocation, service to God, but in many ways he has served his congregation superbly throughout his 11 years in the Congress by being a constant reminder of decency, of tolerance, and of the American way. He has been a great role model for many in his community.

FLOYD brought to this Chamber a diverse background which reminded us all of the diversity of our Nation. He was a college administrator to two well-known, respected institutions, Lincoln University and Boston College. He enjoyed a successful career as a corporate marketer.

But his role as pastor of the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church is perhaps the largest influence on FLOYD'S life, and he reflected this influence every day of his tenure here.

Incidentally, that is no small congregation. It numbers in the thousands. FLOYD was going back and forth on the shuttle each and every day, each and every night when he finished his work here, to be able to service his congregation. Not only was he doing that, he worked during his career here in the Congress to achieve his Ph.D., and he did that at night as well. An outstanding demonstration of what one can do with his dedication and his motivation to even perfect his life to a greater extent.

We in our New York delegation at first were uncertain what to expect upon the first election of FLOYD FLAKE in the special election of 1986. At that time, he was replacing one of the most revered and loved members of our New York delegation, Joe Addabbo, who passed away while in office. Joe's shoes were going to be difficult ones to fill, but FLOYD certainly managed to follow on that path blazed by Joe and did not hesitate to blaze some trails of his own. Today, FLOYD FLAKE leaves us as one of our most respected and beloved colleagues.

He served on the Banking and Financial Services Committee as well as the Small Business Committee, and in those capacities, FLOYD served his constituency and the American people in an outstanding manner. His urban district depended in many ways on the financial institutions and the mom-and-pop enterprises which make up his historic constituency.

We all join together in wishing FLOYD the best of success, health, happiness, in all of his new endeavors, and we know that the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church will be under his sterling leadership in the future, and we hope that FLOYD will find occasion to invite us all to join him during one of his Sunday services.

We extend our sincerest best wishes to his wife, Elaine, and to FLOYD'S four children.

And, FLOYD, you will always be welcome back in this Chamber. God bless.

Mr. QUINN. Madam Speaker, I yield to the other leader from New York, Mr. CHARLIE RANGEL.

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I appreciate this. We all have to agree that it is very unique for someone who has gained such a wonderful reputation in this House to find higher reasons and better causes in order to leave.

In addition to going home every night in order to take care of his parishioners, we talk about family val-

ues; but FLOYD FLAKE has really lived it, because he has four children and a wife that he shared his life with while he was here working in the Congress to improve the quality of life for other Americans.

We find it so easy to talk about improving the life of the poor, but he was on the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, and he did what he thought was the best thing he could do for poor folks. He did not just talk about poverty but, rather, thought the best thing he could do would be to remove people from poverty. And, being a part of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, he was able to bring community banks to allow people that lacked the sophistication to have access to the resources so they would not just be getting loans, but they would be able to go into business and provide opportunity for others.

We hear all the debate about education, whether we should support the public schools or whether we should have vouchers. He not only talked about the concept but went out and built the schools so that, indeed, people would get an education.

When you talk about the jobless and the hopeless and the homeless, he has built the schools, he has built the homes, he has provided the opportunity and, at the same time, has given them spiritual and political leadership.

There were times that some of us would doubt the wisdom of his votes, when somehow his hands made a mistake and he got on this side of the aisle when he was voting with you. But there is not anybody in this House that would ever challenge the integrity of Congressman FLOYD FLAKE. For any vote that he has ever taken in this House, you would know, in his opinion, he was doing the right thing for his constituents.

This is the greatest country that man has ever conceived, and many of us know that she can and will become better as the years go by. But the fact that we can enjoy in this body someone that came from his background, rose to gain the respect of his colleagues, can go out and be entertained as members of private corporate boards and at the same time lead thousands in prayer for a better community and a better country, it just means that those of us who have been lucky enough to get here should appreciate the fact that only in America can we rub shoulders with a person like FLOYD Flake and still do our duty as politicians and know that somehow, through him, we were doing God's work.

It has been a pleasure having you here, and we know we will be hearing from Pastor-Bishop-Former-Congressman FLOYD FLAKE.

Mr. QUINN. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York, Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. SOLOMON. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Ladies and gentlemen and colleagues, you have seen a cross-section of the

delegation rise in respect for this great man FLOYD FLAKE.

You know, we are 31 Members from New York State. We represent 18 million people. It is a real cross-section of America. But do you know something? In spite of our philosophical differences, our political differences, I am so proud that our delegation has never had a real confrontation.

We have stuck together, sometimes even when we did not agree with each other, for our State, and we did that because of what FLOYD FLAKE epitomizes. That man has never, ever, once tried to mislead anyone in this Chamber. He has stood up and told it like it is.

FLOYD, you are one of the greatest Americans that I have ever known. We are going to miss you dearly. You are a great, great man.

Thank you.

Mr. QUINN. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman and just join with my colleagues in extending our good wishes, our sadness that he is leaving us, but our glory that we know he will be not only on the scene in southeast Queens at his Church, but on the public scene as well in years to come.

Ladies and gentlemen, you know, I came to this body 18 years ago from a little corner of the world, New York, and I did not know most of America. Serving in this body makes you a patriot. You see people from all across the country, from all different walks of life, people who come right up from the grassroots. And they are remarkable people, Democrats, Republicans, people from the Northeast, people from the Southwest, and you say to yourself, what a great people the American people are.

In my mind, there are a number of people I think of when I have that thought, and one of them is my colleague, my friend, FLOYD FLAKE. He is a unique individual. He is somebody who has broken the mold for the better so many different times, whether it be working hard for his community. My colleague CHARLIE RANGEL calls his Church, which is the Allen A.M.E. Church, and I have been there and learned to wave my arms and say "Hallelujah" through Pastor FLAKE, Amen. But CHARLIE calls the Allen A.M.E. Church "the City of Allen," because FLOYD has done so much there.

Look at his what he has done in this Congress. I served with FLOYD FLAKE on the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. Again, time after time after time, he was able to take idealism and mold it into a practical solution so that it was not just a speech of words in the air but practical solution that was concrete, mortar and bricks and roofs over people's heads, and better banking, so that communities would benefit from the loans that they had put into the banks, and they would come back to the community.

Now he has truly become a national leader. Some of us agree and some of us disagree with the exact prescription that FLOYD FLAKE has prescribed for our schools and for our communities, but I think there is a great deal of wisdom in what he has done.

The bottom line, though, is once again there is not a soul in this place who does not know that he has done it with intelligence and integrity and the motivation to make his community, our city, our country, a better place.

So I would say in conclusion, this is a man, a deeply spiritual man, but also a deeply practical man, and he has combined the best of spirituality and practicality to leave a real mark, a mark for the better, on this body and on the United States of America.

FLOYD, I know I speak for everybody when I say we will miss you, but we know we will be hearing from you many, many times in the future, and we will listen keenly, because what you say and what you do is a valuable model for all of us.

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Mr. QUINN. FLOYD, we have had requests from almost everybody here to speak, and we will never get to fast track if we let everybody here speak this afternoon.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. LEWIS], the delegation leader from the State of California.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I very much appreciate my colleague yielding, and I must say that as FLOYD is recognized in a special way by the 31 Members from New York, those of us who make up the 52 Members of California want you all to know that we have not just the greatest respect for the work of FLOYD FLAKE, but most importantly, we feel in our hearts the warmth that goes out to FLOYD as he continues his work, for his gentle nature has been felt across the Halls of this House from the day he arrived here. FLOYD is one of those very, very special people who cares about people most.

FLOYD, I want you to know that as you leave this House and take with you our friendship as well as our respect, you also take with you our prayers for your continued good work. I would ask as you go forward in New York that you continue to pray for those of us in this House, for we need the help of you as well as your parishioners. You are a fantastic representative of the best of this country, and God bless you for all that you have done with your life.

Mr. QUINN. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California [Ms. WATERS].

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, it gives me great pride to stand before this House this afternoon and say a few special words about my friend, FLOYD FLAKE. I am not pleased that he is leaving. As a matter of fact, when he first told me I was standing back near the door, and I literally slid down the

wall, because I understood immediately, this House cannot afford to have this man of substance part from us at this time. We in the Congressional Black Caucus love him, need him, respect him, and we have worked with him in some very special ways. But beyond that, the Democratic Caucus will miss him, because of what he has been able to add to the debate and the discussions and the direction of this House. Well, you saw on the other side of the aisle who took this time out on the floor, so this man is not only important to the Democratic Party, but also to the Republican Party.

We are going to miss him because he became one of our fine experts on the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. If the financial institutions of America are ever going to invest in inner cities, comply with CRA, and do what we want them to do, it will be because of the work of Floyd Flake. He has shown that there is not just one way to do things, he has gotten them to do more than all of us who have beaten up on them time and time again. He has caused the development and proliferation of housing for poor people in this country, having developed capacity through nonprofits and their ability to use the resources that we have put forth so that they could take care of the poor in this Nation.

I am going to miss him, but I will see him even though he is not here. I am going up to Allen Church. He has invited me before, and I certainly expect him to invite me again. I am going up to Allen Church to be with his church family and to look at that community that he has developed up there, all around the church. You will see commercial development all around the church. You will see housing. You will literally see a community that has benefited from the knowledge, the expertise and the caring of this man.

We are going to miss you. We really do hate to see you go, but this place is a much better place because you have been here. Thank you very much.

Mr. QUINN. Madam Speaker, I yield to the minority leader, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT].

Mr. GEPHARDT. I thank the gentleman from New York for calling this special event, and I am proud to rise with all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to honor the service and the meaning of the career of FLOYD FLAKE.

I have had a chance that many of you have not had. About a year ago I got to go to Allen Church and to FLOYD's district with FLOYD and spent about a day. We went in the old church. He now has a new structure that he showed me being built. I got to meet a lot of the families in the church, and I got to see the development that has gone on around the community through the work of the SBA and other organizations and the church that has gone on in the community.

What I would like to do in my minute today is describe for you what it is like

to walk into this church with FLOYD FLAKE. All of the families feel that FLOYD FLAKE is part of their family. All of the children that we met, and on this day that we were there, they were honoring school children who had had great achievement in school. All of their families were there. And as FLOYD walked around with me, he knew the name of every child. And obviously, every child and every family knew and looked up to him as the leader of the flock.

When you see the energy among the families, when you see the achievement, when you see the cohesion of his church members, you understand why this is an extended family in this community.

Then he took me to the foundation of the new church and we walked through the mud under the foundation and saw the expanse of this building that he is building with his members. And then we drove around the community and saw all of the buildings that had been refurbished, all of the businesses that had been started, and we walked into an SBA center that he got in the community where people are coming in to find out how they can set up their little new fledgling businesses on their own in the community.

The truth is, FLOYD is leaving this great opportunity that we all have in public service, but FLOYD, let me be very honest with you and say, I not only understand what you are doing and why you are doing it, I think it is the right thing to do. Because the truth is that you in your career in your community are doing more than any of us could ever dream of doing. I just hope and pray that my service could be one fraction as important to the people that I serve as your service is right now to the people of your community. I am in awe of what you have done, and I think what you have done is extremely important, not only for your community, but for all of us to see as a model of what one human being can do as a force for good for people. We are going to miss you, we love you, and we wish you well and we will work with you in the days ahead. Thank you.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. QUINN. Madam Speaker, just before we yield to one last speaker and hear from FLOYD FLAKE, I would like to get rid of a technicality. I ask unanimous consent that all Members be granted 5 legislative days within which to extend their remarks on the subject of this 1-minute.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. QUINN. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia, the Speaker of the House [Mr. GINGRICH].

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, let me say that 11 years ago when a vacancy was filled in a special election, I do not think any of us could have predicted the kind of mark that that new Representative would make. Those of you

who might have had the good luck a few weeks ago to see the cover of the New York Times Sunday magazine saw a remarkably dapper Member of Congress right there on the cover. And he honored all of us. And as you read the article, if you did, as I did, you came to realize that this gentleman that we have been working with, as my good friend, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT] pointed out, is a remarkable figure in his own community, a man who leads by eloquence, by energy, by intelligence, by courage, by a quiet civility that would be worth all of us studying on occasion.

I have worked with him on a number of projects. I know of no one in this House who has been more openminded in his willingness to consider anything which would help the children of his community and which would improve the chance that they would lead a better life. I know of no one who has shown more determined calm and pleasant courage in standing for what he believes in. He has honored this institution by serving it. He has strengthened his country by his public service. I have no doubt that he will take on to his chosen true field of bringing people together with God an even greater dedication, and that our country will be even stronger and those children will have an even better future because of what he does, and I just want you to know, FLOYD, that as a friend, all of us are going to miss you and we wish you well and Godspeed in your new opportunities.

Mr. QUINN. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York, District 6, the Honorable FLOYD FLAKE.

Mr. FLAKE. Thank you very much to the Speaker of the House, to the minority leader [Mr. GEPHARDT], who did come to the district and visit with me at the school and with our people, to all of the leadership here and all of the Members of this body.

Eleven years ago when I ran for Congress I said to the people of the Sixth District that I intend to go and stay from 10 to 12 years. When we conclude business in the next few days, it will be the end of the 11th year for me. I do not think you can come any closer to fulfilling a promise than that.

I come as the product of a family who gave birth to 13 children, grew up in Houston, TX, in SHEILA JACKSON-LEE's district, grew up in a family where my father was a janitor all of his life. My mother was a housekeeper. My father would not allow her to work, but worked two jobs, three jobs, made us work from the time we were about 6 and 7 years old.

By the time I was 6 I had my own paper route, and by the time I was 8, my mother had taught us how to cook and wash and iron and sew, so I had my own homes that I cleaned up every Saturday. By the time I was 13 I was bussing tables at restaurants and waiting tables, and when I got ready to go to college, because of the size of the family, my family could not afford to give

me a dime, but I told them I wanted to go, I could have gone to one of the Texas schools and run track, but chose to go away to a school where I could prepare for the ministry, having accepted the call at the age of 15.

I went to that school every morning at 5 o'clock, I was up, cooking breakfast for my fellow students. Lunch time, back serving tables. Dinner time, serving again, but also getting keys to the cafeteria so that I could clean it up at night. For 4 years in college, 3 years in seminary, that is what I did, and that is how I got through.

One of the things I realized as I was growing up was that there was no substitute for hard work. I could never have envisioned, sitting in civics classes, that a day would come when I would not be reading about Presidents, but meeting them, reading about a House that legislated for the needs of our people and the world, but being a part of this great board of directors of America and board of directors of the world. God knows I have come much further than I could have ever imagined. In 1986 when I was asked by my community to run for this office, having served in no political office before, my initial inclination was to be overwhelmed by the thought and to give an overwhelming no, but then ultimately was prevailed upon to run for the office and got elected.

I came here with two basic intentions. One of them was to treat this institution as an extension of my ministry, and those of you who have stood today, I thank you for standing, because I have tried to treat every individual here as if you were a member of my parish, not just Members of this body, but I think if you go out and speak to every guard, every security person, every dishwasher, people even in the kitchen, I could be walking down the hall and go into the kitchen just to speak to people there, because I consider this a part of my ministry.

□ 1515

That is the way I have tried to work in this Congress. I do not think I have had cross words with many of the Members. If I did, please forgive me. But it is not my nature to do that.

I have tried to cooperate in ways across both sides of the aisle, because beyond Republican and Democrat, I see human beings. When I see human beings, my concern is about how you minister to the needs of people in general. I am fortunate to have in my background marketing analyst from Xerox, serving as dean of students at Boston University, associate dean at Lincoln University before that, and the combination of all of that came together both in my Allen experiences and in my experiences here as a part of this body.

I have sought to bring those business administrative skills to this body, to bring back to my community those resources which are necessary to demonstrate their ability, with a great deal

of their own initiative and motivation, to be able to do things for themselves, in addition to the relationship of government and corporate community; how we bring that partnership of resources in a synergy that allows people to know that they can indeed invest not only in themselves, but can build their communities. That is what I have tried to do.

Allen Church was very receptive. We built our own school, which has 480 students. We have built homes. We have sold 110 homes that we built to first-time homebuyers. We have built a senior citizens complex with over 300 units in it. We have bought up every vacant, boarded-up store in our community. You will not find any drug dealers around our location, because we own the property, we lease it, or we put programs in it. We have just finished a \$23 million building.

I leave Members today because my church is growing so rapidly, with a membership of over 9,000 now. Just in the last month of October, we had 317 new members, in September 170, and in August 155. It is growing so fast that I must be there to minister. I have 825 full-time employees in the church. Many of them would otherwise be persons on the welfare rolls. These are people in home care, teachers, people who work in various categories of professions, a full-time chief financial officer who is my former chief of staff, a Harvard MBA who runs the program there, with a full-time staff of eight directors who run the various programs.

I thank God for a wife who not only has shown her love and commitment, but by virtue of her own training as an educator. We both earned doctorates while I was here. I have worked on my doctorate degree when I went home at night, at 10 o'clock. I would try to go to bed at midnight, up right at 5 in the morning, catch the 6:30 shuttle, or 7:30; come back, and bought all the books, because I did not have library time; wrote the dissertation on the dinner table in longhand, because I am 52 and did not learn to type. So I have not learned to use the computer yet, but I am working on that.

But I go back to the community, and knowing that I have been here. In that community, Southeast Queens, we will build two regional Federal buildings, a Federal FDA building and Federal FAA building, and the rail link, projects that bring into that community about 1,200 jobs, 500 million dollars' worth of construction.

I have tried to bring back to that community those things which change the aesthetics of the community, give people a sense of pride in living there, drive crime down, raise the economic level, and participate in the process of changing and restructuring education.

I have not come necessarily to be agreed upon on everything, but I will tell the Members one thing, I talk to the Master. I talk to God daily, two, three, four, five, six times a day, and I honestly believe that God has called

me to do some things, to try to move beyond status quo.

I cannot, as an African-American coming from the background that I came from, believe that we cannot have a stake in American society, a stake brought about not just by programs. I am a firm believer in affirmative action, of course, but I also believe that we have to invest in ourselves.

So I leave the Members to go into the greater community of America. I speak at seminars. I have been asked to come to Harvard for 2 weeks next summer. I speak to these young men and women who will be coming to pastor in those communities. I am trying to use the model that we have to demonstrate that within the communities that look so deteriorated and devastated, there are fertile fields of opportunity.

I believe that I can move, as I have done in many of the Members' districts already, and many of the districts I will be coming to, they are already on my schedule. I have even been to some of my fellow Members' districts on this side, of the dear gentleman from New York [Mr. RICK LAZIO], a prayer breakfast, and the banquets of the other dear gentleman [Mr. JACK QUINN]; and I have been to various districts, because I think it is important that if we are going to solve the problems of America, we cannot do it balkanized in our own little areas, but we have to learn how to reach out and touch each other, work with each other.

When that is done, I think we will have not only the kind of America that our foreparents intended for it to be, but we will have the kind of world that God would have us live in.

I go, believing that the Lord has called me to a greater ministry and to a greater work. I seek your prayers, and I ask that you might, as you lift your prayers, just ask the Lord to give me strength to do what I feel called to do.

I hate leaving this body, I will confess it. But I will not miss having to take that shuttle in the morning and in the evening. I have tried to go home every night. I never set up a residence here. At 52 years of age, looking relatively good, I want to maintain my health and continue to do the things that I think the Lord has called me to do.

I thank the gentleman from New York [Mr. JACK QUINN] for calling for this special time. I appreciate it.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. BECERRA].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

#### RECORDED VOTE

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 61, noes 348, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 613]

#### AYES—61

Andrews	Hastings (FL)	Pallone
Barrett (WI)	Hefner	Payne
Becerra	Hinchee	Pelosi
Berry	Jefferson	Peterson (MN)
Bonior	Kennedy (RI)	Rangel
Brown (FL)	Kennelly	Roybal-Allard
Clayton	LaFalce	Sanchez
Clyburn	Lantos	Serrano
Conyers	Lewis (GA)	Smith, Adam
Coyne	McDermott	Spratt
DeFazio	McNulty	Stark
DeLauro	Meehan	Stupak
Deutsch	Meek	Thurman
Dingell	Menendez	Torres
Evans	Millender-	Towns
Farr	McDonald	Velazquez
Fazio	Miller (CA)	Waters
Filner	Mink	Watt (NC)
Frank (MA)	Obey	Wise
Gejdenson	Olver	Woolsey
Gephardt	Owens	

#### NOES—348

Abercrombie	Cunningham	Hayworth
Ackerman	Danner	Hefley
Aderholt	Davis (FL)	Herger
All	Davis (IL)	Hill
Archer	Davis (VA)	Hilleary
Army	Deal	Hilliard
Bachus	DeGette	Hinojosa
Baessler	Delahunt	Hobson
Baker	DeLay	Holden
Baldacci	Diaz-Balart	Hooley
Barcia	Dickey	Horn
Barr	Dicks	Hostettler
Barrett (NE)	Dixon	Houghton
Bartlett	Dooley	Hoyer
Bass	Doolittle	Hulshof
Bateman	Doyle	Hunter
Bentsen	Dreier	Hutchinson
Bereuter	Duncan	Hyde
Berman	Dunn	Inglis
Bilbray	Edwards	Istook
Bilirakis	Ehlers	Jackson (IL)
Bishop	Ehrlich	Jackson-Lee
Blagojevich	Emerson	(TX)
Bliley	Engel	Jenkins
Blumenauer	English	John
Blunt	Ensign	Johnson (CT)
Boehlert	Eshoo	Johnson (WI)
Boehner	Etheridge	Johnson, E. B.
Bonilla	Everett	Johnson, Sam
Bono	Ewing	Kanjorski
Borski	Fattah	Kaptur
Boswell	Fawell	Kasich
Boyd	Flake	Kelly
Brady	Foley	Kennedy (MA)
Brown (CA)	Forbes	Kildee
Brown (OH)	Ford	Kilpatrick
Bryant	Fossella	Kim
Bunning	Fowler	Kind (WI)
Burr	Fox	King (NY)
Burton	Franks (NJ)	Kingston
Buyer	Frelinghuysen	Klecza
Calvert	Frost	Klug
Camp	Furse	Knollenberg
Campbell	Galleghy	Kolbe
Canady	Ganske	Kucinich
Cannon	Gekas	LaHood
Cardin	Gibbons	Lampson
Carson	Gilchrest	Largent
Castle	Gillmor	Latham
Chabot	Gilman	LaTourette
Chambliss	Goode	Lazio
Chenoweth	Goodlatte	Leach
Christensen	Goodling	Levin
Clay	Gordon	Lewis (CA)
Clement	Goss	Lewis (KY)
Coble	Graham	Lipinski
Coburn	Granger	Livingston
Collins	Green	LoBiondo
Combest	Greenwood	Lofgren
Condit	Gutierrez	Lowey
Cook	Gutknecht	Lucas
Cooksey	Hall (OH)	Luther
Costello	Hall (TX)	Maloney (CT)
Cox	Hamilton	Maloney (NY)
Cramer	Hansen	Manton
Crane	Harman	Manzullo
Crapo	Hastert	Martinez
Cummings	Hastings (WA)	Mascara

Matsui	Portman	Smith (TX)
McCarthy (MO)	Poshard	Smith, Linda
McCarthy (NY)	Price (NC)	Snowbarger
McCrery	Pryce (OH)	Snyder
McDade	Quinn	Solomon
McGovern	Radanovich	Souder
McHale	Rahall	Spence
McHugh	Ramstad	Stabenow
McInnis	Regula	Stearns
McIntosh	Rogan	Stenholm
McKeon	Rogers	Strickland
McKinney	Rivers	Stump
Metcalf	Rodriguez	Sununu
Mica	Roemer	Talent
Miller (FL)	Rohrabacher	Tanner
Minge	Ros-Lehtinen	Tauscher
Moakley	Rothman	Tauzin
Mollohan	Roukema	Taylor (MS)
Moran (KS)	Royce	Taylor (NC)
Moran (VA)	Rush	Thomas
Murtha	Ryun	Thompson
Myrick	Sabo	Thornberry
Nadler	Salmon	Thune
Neal	Sandlin	Tiahrt
Nethercutt	Sanford	Tierney
Neumann	Sawyer	Trafficant
Ney	Saxton	Turner
Northup	Scarborough	Upton
Norwood	Schaefer, Dan	Vento
Nussle	Schaffer, Bob	Visclosky
Oberstar	Schumer	Walsh
Ortiz	Scott	Wamp
Oxley	Sensenbrenner	Watkins
Packard	Sessions	Watts (OK)
Pappas	Shadeegg	Waxman
Parker	Shaw	Weldon (FL)
Pascrell	Shays	Weldon (PA)
Pastor	Sherman	Weller
Paul	Shimkus	Wexler
Paxon	Shuster	Weygand
Pease	Sisisky	White
Peterson (PA)	Skaggs	Whitfield
Petri	Skeen	Wicker
Pickering	Skelton	Wolf
Pickett	Smith (MI)	Wynn
Pitts	Smith (NJ)	Young (AK)
Pombo	Smith (OR)	Young (FL)
Pomeroy		
Porter		

#### NOT VOTING—24

Ballenger	Gonzalez	Morella
Barton	Hoekstra	Redmond
Boucher	Jones	Riley
Callahan	Klink	Sanders
Cubin	Linder	Schiff
Dellums	Markey	Slaughter
Doggett	McCollum	Stokes
Foglietta	McIntyre	Yates

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Mr. PORTMAN and Mr. HILLIARD changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD and Mr. PALLONE changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

#### ENSURING THAT COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES OF PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY OF CHINA ARE MONITORED

Mrs. FOWLER. Madam Speaker, as the designee of the chairman of the Committee on International Relations, pursuant to House Resolution 302, I call up the bill (H.R. 2647) to ensure that commercial activities of the People's Liberation Army of China or any Communist Chinese military company in the United States are monitored and are subject to the authorities under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of H.R. 2647 is as follows: